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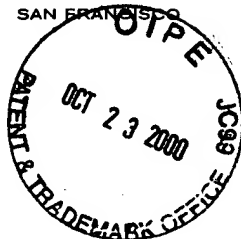
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No.: 09/611,320; Filed: July 6, 2000
For: **Card with Increased Gripability**
Inventors: Richard J. Collins *et al.*
Our Ref: 16762.085.US01

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (in duplicate);
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
3. Original Declaration for Patent Application, executed by the inventors;
4. Power of Attorney from Assignee;
5. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with copy of Assignment attached;
6. Information Disclosure Statement;
7. Form PTO-1449 and 11 cited documents;
8. Return postcard; and
9. Our Check No. 270014 for \$840.00 to cover:

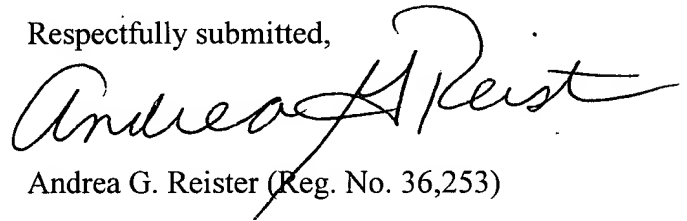
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 16762.085.US01. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 16762.085.US01. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea G. Reister". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" and "e" in the last name.

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Enclosures

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Richard J. Collins *et al.*

Art Unit: 3722

Appl. No.: 09/611,320

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In response to the **Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date
Granted** dated August 21, 2000, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate
action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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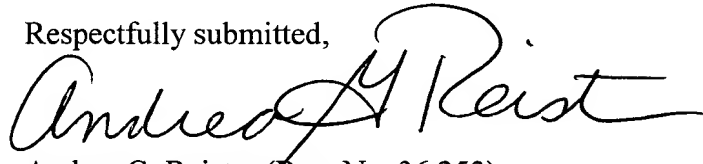
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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